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SUBJECT: DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS

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1. ECON/COMM COUNSELOR MADE PRESENTATION TO MINISTER CARLOS AUGUSTO DE PROENCA ROSA, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SENIOR ECONOMIC POLICY OFFICIAL, ON FEBRUARY 2. PROENCA ROSA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER JOSE BOTAFOGO GONCALVES, CHIEF OF FONMIN'S TRADE POLICY DIVISION. ECON/COMM COUNSELOR STRESSED ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF MTN BY MID-JULY, NEED FOR SOME RECIPROCITY FROM COUNTRIES LIKE BRAZIL, AND NECESSITY THAT BRASIL MAKE KNOWN ITS INTERESTS BY MARCH 1. COUNSELOR THEN PRESENTED TALKING PAPER BASED ON REFTEL.

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2. PROENCA ROSA ASSURED E/C COUNSELOR THAT FONMIN AND OTHER CONCERNED ELEMENTS IN GOB WERE WELL AWARE OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN GENEVA, INCLUDING THE PRESENTATIONS BY AMBASSADOR STRAUSS, AND WERE "WORKING HARD" TO PREPARE GOB RESPONSES. PROENCA ROSA STATED THAT HE ANTICIPATED THAT THE GOB'S REQUEST LIST ON

NTMS WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE GATT SECRETARIAT NEXT WEEK. CONCERNING TARIFFS, PROENCA ROSA SAID THE FONMIN WAS PREPARING LIST AND WAS WAITING FOR COPY OF US LIST FROM GENEVA TO FINALIZE STUDIES. BOTAFOGO GONCALVES ADDED THAT THE SHIFT IN THE THRUST OF THE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS TO THE BILATERAL APPROACH HAD CAUSED SOME "CONFUSION" IN GOB CIRCLES BUT THAT THE GOB WAS ACTIVELY PREPARING ITS TARIFFS LIST. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, PROENCA ROSA SAID THAT BRAZILIAN OFFERS WERE STILL UNDER STUDY; HE AVOIDED ANY INDICATION AS TO WHEN THESE OFFERS MIGHT BE ORTHCOMING.

3. THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE FOLLOWING UP THIS PRESENTATION AT THE FOREIGN MINISTER OR SECRETARY GENERAL LEVEL. EMBASSY HAS SENT COPIES OF TALKING PAPER TO CHIEF OF CABINET TO MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE CALMON DE SA, AND TO FRANCISCO DORNELLES, FINANCE MINISTRY'S GENERAL COUNSEL AND CHIEF INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATOR. ECON/COMM COUNSELOR WILL ALSO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHIEF OF CABINET.
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